

Application No. 10/827,097
Interview Summary

REMARKS AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On June 21, 2006, Applicant conducted an interview with the Office regarding the above-identified application. The interview was conducted in person. The following individuals were present during the interview.

Representing the Office: Examiner Ly T. Tran and Primary Examiner Manish S. Shah

Representing the Applicant: Attorney of Record Derek C. Stettner

Applicant initiated the interview to discuss the Final Office action dated May 18, 2006, and the comments made by the Applicant in the submission that accompanied Applicant's Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). During the interview the Applicant expressed its opinion that claims 1, 9, 12, 27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38-40, 45, and 47-53 are allowable over the prior art of record because, among other things, the prior art teaches away from the proposed combination for at least the reasons noted in the submission accompanying the RCE.

The Applicant also briefly discussed the newly submitted prior art - art that Applicant became aware of because of the litigation involving the parent patent of this application. (The litigation is explained in greater detail in a paper submitted by the Applicant to the Office on February 21, 2006). The Applicant noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,575,093 appears to disclose a system whereby hot air is blown onto a substrate. Cold air appears to be drawn from above the printhead by fans. The fans blow the air into tubes that are connected to boxes which hold UV lamps. The lamps appear to be ordinary UV lamps, not cold UV lamps. The lamps are said to reach temperatures of "700° C." The boxes housing the lamps appear to have one opening on their bottom. Thus, air passing by the lamps appears to exit this opening and flow onto the substrate. Thus, the Applicant submitted that the '093 patent discloses a device where air heated by the lamps is blown onto the substrate, which is counter to the concept of reducing the amount of heat impinged on the substrate. Thus, the '093 patent does not impact the allowability of the claims.

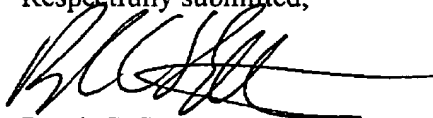
The Applicant also noted that the presentation materials by Stewart Partridge entitled "Innovations in Output - Flatbed Inkjet Presses & UV-Curable Inks" appear to discuss both the state of the art of UV printers as of the date of the materials and at least some projections about future developments, but none appear to contemplate the use of cold UV.

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The Office and the Applicant did not reach any agreement regarding the allowability of the claims and the Office indicated that there may be other art that renders the claims unpatentable.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at anytime during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,



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